Students seeking admission in universities

611. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that with the fast growing population in the country, the number of students seeking admission to various colleges in the Indian universities is fast multiplying as compared to previous years;

(b) whether it is a fact that a large number of deserving students, having secured more than 80 per cent marks in the Senior Secondary School Exams, were not able to get admission in the colleges of their choice in Delhi University in the current year; and

(c) if so, the measures Government propose to take in the near future to construct more and more college buildings all over the country in order to tackle the problem and save the young brilliant students from frustration and depression?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir. According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), during the academic year 2004-05, there were 104 81 lakhs (provisional) students enrolled in various courses at all levels in Universities/colleges and other institutions of higher learning as compared to 99.54 lakhs in the previous year.

(b) Admission in colleges is made on *inter-se* merit obtained by students in Senior Secondary School Examination. Due to the finite number of seats in colleges and number of applications, it is always,not possible to admit all those who apply.

(c) In order to increase capacity of higher education, outlay for development is increased continuously.

Review of Education Policy

612. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to review the education policy in order to upgrade the standard of education